



**THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES
KNOWN OR LIKELY TO OCCUR
IN
KIOWA COUNTY, KANSAS**

Arkansas Darter (*Etheostoma cragini*) - Threatened: Known to occur in shallow, clear, spring-fed headwater streams having sand or sand-gravel substrates with aquatic vegetation in the Medicine Lodge and Bluff Creek basins. *Critical habitat has been designated.* Federal Candidate.

Bald Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) - Threatened: Known to occur as seasonal transients or occasional winter visitants. Wintering eagles are dependent upon large water bodies and larger rivers where they feed on waterfowl and fish. Threatened nationally.

Eastern Spotted Skunk (*Spilogale putorius interrupta*) - Threatened: May occur in suitable habitat. Prefers forest edge and rock outcrops in upland prairie grasslands. Also frequents fencerows, outbuildings, brushpiles, and riparian woodlands.

Eskimo Curlew (*Numenius borealis*) - Endangered: Formerly a regular spring transient using plowed fields, heavily grazed pastures, burned grasslands, and prairie dog towns. A few birds may still migrate through the state but no verified record in Kansas since 1902.. Endangered nationally.

Least Tern (*Sterna antillarum*) - Endangered: May occur as seasonal transients or occasional summer visitants. Endangered nationally.

Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*) - Endangered: May occur as an uncommon transient and occasional winter visitant. Prefers marshes, lakes, and rivers where concentrations of waterfowl or other birdlife provide ample prey.

Piping Plover (*Charadrius melodus*) - Threatened: May occur as a rare seasonal transient. Prefers sparsely vegetated shorelines of shallow lakes, salt flats and open ground in marshes, and bare river sandbars. Threatened nationally.

Snowy Plover (*Charadrius alexandrinus*) - Threatened: May occur as a transient on saline flats in wetlands and bare river sandbars.

Texas Longnose Snake (*Rhinocheilus lecontei tessellatus*) - Threatened: Known to occur in sandy, open prairies with canyons and rock outcrops.

White-faced Ibis (*Plegadis chihi*) - Threatened: May occasionally occur as a summer visitant at wetlands and impoundments.

Whooping Crane (*Grus americana*) - Endangered: Known to occur as an occasional spring and fall transient. Known to stop to rest and feed at marshes and open fields away from human disturbance. Endangered nationally.